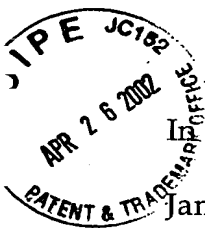


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Prior to initial examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 42-49 as shown in Attachment A. A copy of all currently pending claims is provided in Attachment B.

Claims 42-49 are directed to additional features of the present invention. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted, that this application is in condition for allowance and such disposition is earnestly solicited.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. Fees have been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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				Large Entity	Small Entity	
Number of Claims in Excess of 20	31*	23	8	\$ 18.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 72.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3	3*	3	0	\$ 84.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims				\$ 280.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 0.00
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c) Three Months				\$ 920.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 0.00
d) Four Months				\$ 1440.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 0.00
e) Five Months				\$ 1960.00	\$ 980.00	\$ 0.00
Other:						\$ 0.00
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- Small Entity Status Claim:
☐ is hereby requested.
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